



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants, employment opportunities and other items of interest. Comments and feedback are appreciated. Contact Maria Castain 415-972-3264; email [castain.maria@epa.gov](mailto:castain.maria@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>. Also, if you want to be removed from this mailing list, contact Maria Castain.





United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9, San Francisco, California

May 2008

# ***Tribal Program Newsletter***

## **Meetings and Conferences**

### **Sponsor: U.S. EPA**

 May 8	Draft on Climate Change Strategy	This is a "Webinar" that is open to all interested parties	Wendy Drake, 202-564-2926 or go to <a href="http://www.epa.gov/water/climatechange/index.html">http://www.epa.gov/water/climatechange/index.html</a>
 Jul 16	Nevada Tribal Interagency Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting	South Lake Tahoe, CA	Contact Nancy Sockabasin, 415-972-3772 <a href="mailto:sockabasin.nancy@epa.gov">sockabasin.nancy@epa.gov</a>
 Jul 22	California Tribal Interagency Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting	Oakland, CA	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/workgroups.html">http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/workgroups.html</a>
Jul 29-31	Regional Tribal Operation Committee	Sells, AZ	Tina Williams, 415-972-3784 or <a href="mailto:Williams.tina@epa.gov">Williams.tina@epa.gov</a>
 Oct 22-24	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Region 9 Tribal/EPA Conference	San Francisco, CA	Contact <a href="mailto:lgleyva@plpt.nsn.us">lgleyva@plpt.nsn.us</a> or go to <a href="http://events.ichotelsgroup.com/DPRD-7D4NJ3/SFOGG/website/">http://events.ichotelsgroup.com/DPRD-7D4NJ3/SFOGG/website/</a>

### **Sponsors: EPA, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, Western States Regional Grantees, State CLPPPs, HUD & Partners**

Jun 9-11	Transitioning from Lead Poisoning Elimination to Healthy Homes	Las Vegas, NV	Barbara Hairston, (323) 869-7064 <a href="mailto:bhairston@ph.lacounty.gov">bhairston@ph.lacounty.gov</a>
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EPA, CDC and HUD welcome tribal government officials to serve as session speakers and/or panel members to address childhood lead poisoning in Indian Country, with a focus on efforts by Tribes to identify and reduce childhood lead poisoning among tribal members. Region 9 folks should call David Tomsovic 415-972-3858 or email [tomsovic.david@epa.gov](mailto:tomsovic.david@epa.gov). For reservations call 800-635-7711, Code: SGNVEHA to reserve you hotel room.

### **Sponsor: EPA**

### **Co-hosts: The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA)**

Jun 3-5	Air Quality	Las Vegas, NV	Contact: Sharlene Brown, 928-523-5504 or email <a href="mailto:Sharlene.Brown@nau.edu">Sharlene.Brown@nau.edu</a>
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A limited number of travel scholarships are available for tribes. ITEP will cover hotel and per diem costs for tribal participants on a limited basis



### **Sponsor: The International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management**

May 21-22	National Environmental Policy Act in Indian Country	Denver, CO	<a href="http://www.iiirm.org/">http://www.iiirm.org/</a>
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**Sponsor: Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency**

Jun 16-20	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	<a href="http://www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference.html">www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference.html</a> or call Michelle Silver, 928-871-7759
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**Sponsor: The National Indian Justice Center**

Sept 17-19	Federal Indian Law	Reno, NV	<a href="http://www.nijc.org">www.nijc.org</a> or call 707-597-9019
Dec 3-5	"Meth" Crisis	Las Vegas, NV	See above

**Sponsors: National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, Montana/Wyoming Tribal Leaders and U.S. EPA**

Jun 24-27	8 <sup>th</sup> National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management. Nurturing Mother Earth	Billings, MT	Allyson Kelley at 406 252-2550 or go to: <a href="http://www.ntcem8.org/">http://www.ntcem8.org/</a>
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**Sponsor: Indigenous Environment Network (IEN)**

Jul 17-20	Protecting Mother Earth's Call for Healing—Reaffirming Our Roots	Lee, NV	IEN 218-751-4967, <a href="mailto:ien@igc.org">ien@igc.org</a>
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**Sponsor: Department of Energy (DOE) Tribal Energy Program**

May 12-15	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Tribal Community and Project Development	Rapid City, SD	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/upcoming_events.cfm">http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/upcoming_events.cfm</a>
Jul 21-24	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Tribal Community and Project Development	Albuquerque, NM	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/upcoming_events.cfm">http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/upcoming_events.cfm</a>

**Trainings and Workshops****U. S. EPA, Region 9**

May 22-23	Advanced UST Inspector Workshop	Las Vegas, NV	Contact Mary Keil, 415-972-3365 <a href="mailto:keil.mary@epa.gov">keil.mary@epa.gov</a>
Jul 9-10	Water Quality Environmental Results and Watershed Based Planning	San Francisco, CA	Tiffany Eastman <a href="mailto:eastman.tiffany@epa.gov">eastman.tiffany@epa.gov</a> or Audrey L. Johnson 415-972-3431 <a href="mailto:johnson.audreyL@epa.gov">johnson.audreyL@epa.gov</a>
Jul 11	WQX/STORET Training	San Francisco, CA	Audrey L. Johnson 415-972-3431, <a href="mailto:johnson.audreyL@epa.gov">johnson.audreyL@epa.gov</a> or Eric Wilson, 415-972-3454 <a href="mailto:wilson.eric@epa.gov">wilson.eric@epa.gov</a> ;
Aug 14	Stormwater Pollution	San Francisco, CA	Ann Murphy, 415-972-3640 or <a href="mailto:Murphy.ann@epa.gov">Murphy.ann@epa.gov</a>

**Sponsor: The Arizona Public Service -Office of Community Development**

May 13-14	Native American RV Parks & Campgrounds – Diversifying Tribal Economic Development	Phoenix, AZ	Bob McNichols, 928-753-6110, or email <a href="mailto:bobmcnichols@rezbuilders.com">bobmcnichols@rezbuilders.com</a> .
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**Sponsor: Nielsen Field School**

May 1-3	The Complete Surface Water and Sediment Sampling Field Course	Columbus, OH	See below
May 5-6	Ground-Monitoring Well Design, Construction and Development	Columbus, OH	See below
May 5-9	The Complete Ground Water Monitoring Field Course	Columbus, OH	See below
May 7-9	The Complete Ground-Water Sampling Field Course	Columbus, OH	See below

These courses are specifically designed to meet the environmental training needs of: environmental consultants, contractors, laboratory staff, and government agency environmental staff: federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal industry environmental staff. For more information email the school at [info@envirofieldschool.com](mailto:info@envirofieldschool.com), call 740-965-5026 or visit their Web site at [www.envirofieldschool.com](http://www.envirofieldschool.com).

**Sponsor: Housing and Urban Development**

Jun 17-19	Greener Homes, Creating Energy Efficient, Comfortable and healthy tribal homes	Reno, NV	Free registration <a href="http://www.firstpic.org">www.firstpic.org</a> ; or call Rebecca Smith at <a href="mailto:rsmith@firstpic.org">rsmith@firstpic.org</a> .
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**Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center**

Aug. 6-7	NEPA: Writing the perfect EA/FONSI or Environmental Impact Statement	Phoenix, AZ	Call 206-762-1976 or go to <a href="http://www.nwetc.org">www.nwetc.org</a> ; <a href="mailto:krobson@nwetc.org">krobson@nwetc.org</a>
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Note: GAP funds cannot pay for someone to write an EA or EIS.

**Sponsor: Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Native American Programs**

May 5-6	Home energy efficiency	Anchorage, AK	Contact Rebecca Smith, 315-218-6261 or email at <a href="mailto:rsmith@firstpic.org">rsmith@firstpic.org</a> .
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**Sponsor: Princeton Groundwater, Inc.**

Oct. 27-31	Princeton Groundwater's Remediation Course	Orlando, FL	Call 813-964-0800 or email <a href="mailto:info@Princeton-groundwater.com">info@Princeton-groundwater.com</a>
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**Sponsor: Emergency Response Center**

May 15	Hazardous Materials General Site Worker Level Training (HAZWOP)	Lakeside, CA	Lucille Richard, 619-742-5503 or <a href="mailto:lmrichard2@aol.com">lmrichard2@aol.com</a> or <a href="mailto:Mary.Weber@ish.gov">Mary.Weber@ish.gov</a>
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### **Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators**

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators. <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email [betanzo.elin@epa.gov](mailto:betanzo.elin@epa.gov).

### **Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)**

ITCA will provide travel reimbursement for tribal operators and per diem based on Federal Government Regulations. Travel and per diem reimbursement are available for confirmed participants from tribes located in the EPA Region 9 area. Your participation ensures that the tribal water operator certification program continues to meet your needs.

### **Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars**

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

### **Institute for Tribal Environmental Professions (ITEP)**

ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for ITEP courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a catalog of courses, call Lydia Scheer, or visit:

**\*\***<http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

## **Grants and Loans**

### **Grants.gov**

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov).

### **U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**



#### **Environmental Justice Small Grants Program (EJSG)**

EJSG supports projects that address a local environmental and public health issue within an affected community and is designed to help communities understand and address their exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. An "affected community," for the purposes of this program, is a community that is disproportionately impacted by environmental harms and risks and has a local environmental and/or public health issue that is identified in the proposal. \$800K is expected to be available and up to 40 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 30. For more information, contact Sheila Lewis at [lewis.sheila@epa.gov](mailto:lewis.sheila@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>.



#### **FY09 Pesticides Tribal Circuit Rider:**

EPA Region 9's Pesticide Office will be soliciting proposals from Federally-recognized tribes in Region 9 who want to work in partnership with at least one other tribe to develop and implement a pesticide program.

Participant tribes should develop a proposal that designates a lead tribe and includes a plan to hire, train and manage a Tribal Pesticide Circuit Rider. The selected project can expect work to begin October 1, 2008. The project period for this award is two to three years. Funding levels may vary from \$100,000 to a maximum of \$200,000. EPA expects that the full RFP will be posted early May 2008 on EPA's website: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/rfps.html> . For more information call Lawrence Torres at (415) 947-4211 or email [torres.lawrence@epa.gov](mailto:torres.lawrence@epa.gov).



#### **Conferences, Workshops and Meetings**

EPA has issued a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for conferences, workshops, and/or meetings. Through this BAA, EPA seeks proposals for planning, arranging, administering and/or conducting conferences, workshops, and/or meetings that focus on research to protect human health and safeguard the environment. Subject areas include, but are not limited to: Economics and sustainability; and air and global climate change. \$500K is expected to be available and up to 15 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 8 and December 9. For more information, contact Bernice Smith at [smith.bernicel@epa.gov](mailto:smith.bernicel@epa.gov) or go to: [http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008\\_baa.html](http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_baa.html).

#### **Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside**

Solicitations for FY 09 funding were issued April 1, with project proposals due June 1. For more information, contact Linda Reeves, 415-972-3445.

#### **EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes**

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities and individuals for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

### **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**



#### **Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Grants and Loans**

USDA requests proposals for Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Grants and Guaranteed Loans. This initiative supports the purchase of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements for agriculture producers and rural small businesses in eligible rural areas. \$15 million is expected to be available and 250 awards anticipated. Applications are due June 16. For more info, go to: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=41021>

### **U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)**



#### **Clean and Efficient Energy in Indian Country**

DOE requests proposals for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment in Indian Country. Through this initiative, DOE seeks applications from Tribes or Tribal Energy Resource

Development Organizations to implement building efficiency improvements or deployment of renewable energy systems in Indian Country. This RFP will provide support for large-scale installation of renewable energy systems or energy efficiency measures. \$2.5 million is expected to be available and up to 4 awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 8, 2008. For more information Contact: Pamela Brodie, 303-275-4741 or [Pamela.brodie@go.doe.gov](mailto:Pamela.brodie@go.doe.gov)



#### **Energy Frontier Research Centers (EFRC)**

DOE requests proposals for the EFRC to accelerate the rate of scientific breakthroughs needed to create advanced energy technologies for the 21st century. The EFRC will pursue the fundamental understanding necessary to meet the global need for abundant, clean, and economical energy. Through this initiative, DOE seeks to bring together the skills and talents of multiple investigators to enable fundamental research of a scope and complexity that would not be possible with the standard individual investigator or small group research project. \$500 million is expected to be available and up to 50 awards are anticipated. Responses are due October 1. For more information, contact Emiela Bradford at [emiela.bradford@ch.doe.gov](mailto:emiela.bradford@ch.doe.gov) or go to: <https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/933104E42D0185E58525742100694C78?OpenDocument>.



#### **Renewable Energy Deployment in Alaska Native Villages**

DOE requests proposals for Renewable Energy Deployment in Alaska Native Villages. Through this initiative, DOE seeks applications from Alaska Native Villages, Regional/Village Corporations or Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations for the deployment of renewable energy heat and/or power solutions, including the hybridization of existing diesel power systems, in Native Alaskan Villages. This RFP will provide support for community-scale projects in Alaska Native communities that address the heat and/or power needs of the maximum number of communities while being sustainable and consistent with the environmental and cultural values of the community. \$3 million is expected to be available and up to four awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 8. For more information contact Pamela Brodie, 303-275-4741 or [Pamela.brodie@go.doe.gov](mailto:Pamela.brodie@go.doe.gov)

## **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services**



#### **Community Health and Brownfield Land Reuse**

The Department of Health and Human Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention request proposal for community health projects related to brownfield/Land Reuse. The purpose of the program is to identify and address public health and issues with brownfield/land reuse plans. \$300K is expected to be available and up to 10 awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 23. For more information, contact Tina Forrester at [txf5@cdc.gov](mailto:txf5@cdc.gov) or go to: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&opId=17425>.

#### **Vocational Rehabilitation Services Projects for American Indians with Disabilities**

These grants provide vocational rehabilitation services to American Indians with disabilities who reside on or near Federal or State reservations. [http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding\\_details.php?funding\\_id=409](http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding_details.php?funding_id=409). Application deadline is May 5.

#### **Native American Research Centers for Health (NARCH) Grants**

Grants are provided to develop opportunities for conducting research and research training to meet the needs of American Indian/Alaska Native communities.

[http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding\\_details.php?funding\\_id=394](http://www.raconline.org/funding/funding_details.php?funding_id=394)

Application deadline is on May 16.

## Miscellaneous Grants and Funding Opportunities:



### **Beverage Container Recycling Grant Solicitation**

The Department of Conservation announces the release of the 2008/09 Beverage Container Recycling Grant Solicitation. Public Resources Code (PRC), Division 12.1, Chapter 7, Section 14581(a)(6) authorizes the Department to issue up to \$1.5 million in the form of grants to promote increased recycling of beverage containers throughout California. Go to <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dor/grants/pages/index.aspx> for more information. If Internet access is not available, please call 916-322-0613 to request a printed copy. Parties interested in applying for this funding must submit a Concept Form (from the Web site above) to the address below by 5:00 p.m. PDT, Friday, May 16, 2008, Department of Conservation, Statewide Technical Assistance and Resources Branch, 801 K Street, MS 17-01, Sacramento, CA 95814



### **Water Efficiency – California Bay-Delta**

The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, requests proposals for CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grant Program. Through this initiative, CALFED will fund urban and agricultural projects that improve ecosystem health, water supply reliability or water quality of the California Bay-Delta through water use efficiency and conservation. \$1.5 million is expected to be available and individual awards NTE \$300K. Responses are due June 2. For more information, contact Mary Sims at [msims@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:msims@mp.usbr.gov) or go to <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=41167>.



### **Young Environmental Leaders**

Earth Island Institute requests proposals for the Brower Youth Awards to honor young environmental leaders. This program recognizes young leaders between the ages of 13 and 22 for outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental work and environmental justice advocacy. Winners receive \$3K, a trip to California for the awards ceremony, a wilderness camping trip and access to Earth Island Institute resources. Responses are due May 15. For more information, go to: <http://broweryouthawards.org/article.php?id=113>.



### **Teams of Young Environmental Leaders**

Dr. Seuss Enterprises, the Ashoka's Youth Venture and the Earth Island Institute request proposals for the Lorax Challenge. This program supports teams of young people between the ages of 12 and 20 to turn their ideas for helping to save the planet into reality. The winning team will be awarded \$1,000 and a trip to the University of Florida. Responses are due May 31. For more information, go to: <http://genv.net/en-us/lorax>.



### **Greening Middle School Education**

General Motors requests proposals for the Live Green Teacher Grant Program. This program provides support to middle school teachers to develop innovative environmental and energy sustainability curriculum. \$40K is expected to be available and individual awards NTE \$1K. Responses are due May 15. For more information, go to <http://livegreen.discoveryeducation.com/>.

### **Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA)**

The SGIA program is an annual, competitive solicitation open to state, local, regional, and tribal governments (and non-profits that have partnered with a governmental entity) that want to incorporate smart growth techniques into their future development. Once selected, communities receive direct technical assistance from a team of national experts in one of two areas: policy analysis (e.g., reviewing state and local codes, school siting guidelines, transportation policies, etc.) or public participatory processes (e.g., visioning, design workshops, alternative analysis, build-out analysis, etc.). The assistance is tailored to the

community's unique situation and priorities. EPA provides the assistance through a contractor team — not a grant. Through a multiple-day site visit and a detailed final report, the multi-disciplinary teams provide information to help the community achieve its goal of encouraging growth that fosters economic progress and environmental protection. The 2008 Request for Applications for SGIA is now open, but will close on May 8, 2008. Information on the program and the application can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia.htm>

#### **Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF)**

The FY 2009 AWPf Commission grant cycle provides funding for projects that directly maintain, enhance and restore river and riparian resources; implement innovative river and riparian research; and implement water conservation measures or programs outside of the 5 Active Management Areas. There will be approximately \$4 million for grant awards. The Commission will be accepting applications under all funding categories (capital, research and water conservation). The FY 2009 Grant Application Manual is located on the AWPf site at [www.awpf.state.az.us](http://www.awpf.state.az.us) or a copy may be mailed to you by calling Michelle Moreno at 602-71-8528. Grant applications will be due no later than June 11, 2008 by 3:00 p.m. The Commission will make grant award selections on October 20, 2008.

#### **Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)**

The WCB now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to “Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection”. Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines are available on the WCB's web page.

[http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral\\_project.asp](http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp)

#### **California Department of Water Resources 2008 Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation**

This grant program will primarily fund projects that are not locally cost effective, and that provide multi-benefits such as water savings or in-stream flows and timing, water quality, and energy savings. Benefits can be local, to the Bay-Delta or to the State. Cost-sharing is required but, disadvantaged communities can request full cost of projects with no local cost-sharing. The total amount available for the 2008 Grant Funding Cycle is \$35.3 million. One unique component of the 2008 Grant Program is the availability of technical assistance provided by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Self Help Enterprise to identify projects and develop proposals for tribal and disadvantaged communities. For more information, go to:

<http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm>, or contact Wayne Verrill, 916 653-4863 or [wverrill@water.ca.gov](mailto:wverrill@water.ca.gov)

#### **Integrated Waste Management Board**

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

### **California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants**

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit:

<http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

### **California Endowment Program**

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to

<http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

### **Funding Sources for Communities**

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html> For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

## **Miscellaneous Items of Interest**



### **Scholarship Available**

The National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs has a \$1500 scholarship available. This scholarship is intended to assist in the education of students who intend to work as scientists or technicians in the field of mine land reclamation. Letters of application for this scholarship must be received by May 30, 2008. For more information go to

<http://www.onenet.net/~naamlp/documents/NAAML%20scholarship%202008.pdf>



### **Take Action during Asthma Awareness Month: May is Asthma Awareness Month.**

Join EPA in the national effort to raise awareness about asthma. This Asthma Awareness Month hosts activities to educate people in your community about comprehensive asthma management. Download EPA's [Asthma Awareness Month Event Planning Kit](#) featuring new ideas for outreach and awareness activities, tips for working with the media, success stories, and much more. Once you have planned your activities, share them using the online using EPA's national Web site: [Activity Submittal Form](#) to promote your event at no cost and gain exposure for your important work. The EPA Asthma Awareness Month Planning Kit can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/asthma/index.html> or contact: Barbara Spark 415-947-4189.

### **New EPA Regulation to Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning**

EPA issued a new regulation for the Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting Program. It applies to paid contractors renovating or repairing pre-1978 housing, schools, daycare centers and other child-occupied facilities. It requires paid contractors to use lead-safe work practices to reduce lead hazards and the risk of childhood lead poisoning. Letters from Regional Administrator Wayne Nastri were sent to all Region IX tribal executive officers and environmental directors informing them of the new rule. The new rule is a big step to reach the national strategic goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning by 2010 by preventing exposure to lead hazards. Contact: EPA Region IX Toxics Office, David Tomsovic, 415-972-3858 or [tomsovic.david@epa.gov](mailto:tomsovic.david@epa.gov). or go to EPA's press release on the rule: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/bd4379a92ceceac8525735900400c27/5fc0577fb1a6df5a8525741d006366a2!OpenDocument>

### **Digital Television Transition and Potential Impacts to Tribal Governments**

After February 17, 2009, all full-power television stations will broadcast only in digital, as required by the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005. Subscribers to TV services (e.g., cable or satellite) or televisions with a digital tuner will not be affected by the transition. EPA is encouraging consumers that receive over the air broadcasts, either through "rabbit ears" on their sets or a roof antenna, on analog TV sets to extend the life of their TV by purchasing a digital converter box. Many entities, including tribal governments, may experience higher rates of disposal and/or dumping of old televisions and related e-waste during this time. Tribal governments can address this transition by providing e-waste recycling programs and by providing outreach to their communities to encourage reuse through the purchase of a digital converter box. For consumers that choose to buy a new digital TV, EPA recommends energy efficient sets with the ENERGY STAR label. For information on where to recycle unwanted TVs, where to find energy efficient TVs, and additional resources such as the TV Converter Box Coupon Program, visit our Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/recycle/ecycling/tv-convert.htm>. To talk with a member of the Tribal Solid Waste Team to discuss e-waste collection program development and outreach options, go to <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/index.html#contact> to identify your liaison.

### **Scholarships for Minority Students Going Unclaimed**

A large amount of scholarship money that has been set aside by companies for deserving minority students are either collecting dust or being returned to businesses because of a lack of interest. For more information, please go to: [http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/docs/minority\\_scholarships.pdf](http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/docs/minority_scholarships.pdf) or [http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/career\\_funding.asp](http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/career_funding.asp) so that money will not go to waste.

### **Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities**

A new EPA Web site features dozens of projects that local communities can do to help make the air cleaner and healthier to breathe. The "Improving Air Quality in Your Community" Web site features activities for reducing both indoor and outdoor pollution, including diesel engine retrofit programs, improving air quality in local schools, and pollution prevention options for small businesses. These projects have a successful track record--they were previously put into action by state and local governments across the country. This site includes information about the costs to establish and maintain each project, and how local communities can apply for EPA grants to kick-start their activities. Contact: Cathy Milbourn, 202-564-4355 / [milbourn.cathy@epa.gov](mailto:milbourn.cathy@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/air/community/>

### **Methamphetamine labs.**

EPA is the Chair for the National Response Center (NRC)--"the sole national point of contact for reporting oil, chemical, radiological, biological, etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories." To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675. NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information go to <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>

### **Drinking Water Training Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Operators**

A new website is available that provides a consolidated list of drinking water training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators during the upcoming months. This list organizes courses from many training providers by region, and it also includes a list of trainings that are available online. This list will be updated quarterly, so if you would like to highlight an upcoming training course on this list please send an email to [betanzo.elin@epa.gov](mailto:betanzo.elin@epa.gov). The website can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal.html>

### **Office of Special Trustee (OST) for American Indians**

The Department of Interior, OST for American Indians manages more than \$67 million in Indian Trust accounts for more than 63,000 account holders whose whereabouts are currently unknown due to outdated or incomplete contact information. OST is searching for these people to distribute their funds to them. To find out if you or someone you know is on this OST list, visit their Web site at [www.doi.gov/ost](http://www.doi.gov/ost) and click on "Locating IIM Account Holders". The Trust Beneficiary Call Center toll free number is 1-888-678-6836 or

letters may be sent to: Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Attn: Address Change, 4400 Masthead Street, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109

#### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance**

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, [binder.jonathan@epa.gov](mailto:binder.jonathan@epa.gov), or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, [tunis.catherine@epa.gov](mailto:tunis.catherine@epa.gov) or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

#### **Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers**

EPA has just issued a new publication as part of its effort to support innovative, market-based approaches to water quality trading. The *Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers: Interim Technical Guide* provides National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authorities with the tools they need to incorporate trading provisions into permits. The Toolkit also serves as EPA's first "how-to" manual on designing and implementing trading programs consistent with EPA's 2003 *National Water Quality Trading Policy* and will be valuable to all stakeholders. The Toolkit is a web-based document available at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterqualitytrading/WQTTToolkit.html>.

#### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook**

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

#### **Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff**

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

#### **America's Children and the Environment Web Site**

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

### **Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)**

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at [langlois.glen@epa.gov](mailto:langlois.glen@epa.gov).

### **Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)**

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

### **Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ**

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

## **Department of Agricultural (USDA)**

### **USDA's Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program**

The Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program, funded by the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service assists tribal communities in promoting economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facilities development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training and public transit problem solving activities. Deadlines are on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <http://web1.ctaa.org/webmodules/webarticles/anmviewer.asp?a=259>

## **EPA Activities for Tribal outreach, review and comment**

### **Office of Water (OW) Draft Climate Change Strategy**

On March 28, EPA's Office of Water made available for comment a public review draft of the *National Water Program Strategy: Response to Climate Change*. The draft Strategy can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/water/climatechange/>. This draft document represents the National Water Program's initial effort to identify potential impacts of climate change for clean water and drinking water programs and define actions to respond to these impacts. Please submit comments to [Water\\_Climate\\_Change@epa.gov](mailto:Water_Climate_Change@epa.gov) or call Jose Aguto, 202-564-0289 or email [auguto.jose@epa.gov](mailto:auguto.jose@epa.gov). Deadline is May 27, 2008.

### **Federal Interagency Effort to Increase Tribal Access to Safe Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure**

In June 2007, EPA, IHS, USDA, HUD, and DOI signed two MOUs designed in part to assist tribes in improving quality of life through the delivery of quality infrastructure services in support of tribal housing and

tribal communities, and to encourage parties to coordinate execution of existing drinking water and sanitation improvement programs in Indian country with a full understanding of each party's programs. The interagency Task Force established the Access Subgroup to develop an implementation plan that strives to reduce by 50 percent the number of homes lacking access to safe drinking water and safe waste water disposal by 2015. The implementation plan is under development, and subgroup representatives would be pleased to discuss with tribes, the scope and status of the recommended actions. For more information, contact: Elin Betanzo 202-564-1807 or [betanzo.elin@epa.gov](mailto:betanzo.elin@epa.gov)

#### **OAR Development of a Proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule**

Under the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress directed EPA to publish a mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rule, using the Agency's existing authority under the Clean Air Act. The rule will require mandatory reporting of greenhouse gases "above appropriate thresholds in all sectors of the economy." EPA is responsible for determining those thresholds, as well as the frequency of reporting. Congress requested EPA to include reporting of emissions "resulting from upstream productions and downstream sources," to the extent that the Agency deems appropriate. Tribes that own or operate large upstream or downstream facilities within their reservation boundaries may be impacted by this rule. EPA intends to propose a rule by September 2008 and a final rule by June 2009. For more information contact Katherine Sibold, 202-343-280 or [sibold.katherine@epa.gov](mailto:sibold.katherine@epa.gov)

#### **Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) Draft Tribal Consultation Guidance**

This guidance describes OAQPS' views regarding tribal consultation and assists OAQPS personnel in reviewing EPA actions for effects on tribes and consulting with tribes. Early and meaningful tribal involvement is consistent with the federal trust responsibility to federally-recognized tribes and furthers the Agency's overall goal of protecting human health and the environment. This guidance has been and continues to be reviewed by tribal representatives, and additional input is welcome by June 1. For more information contact Laura McKelvey, 919-541-5497 or [mckelvey.laura@epa.gov](mailto:mckelvey.laura@epa.gov)



#### **Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) Draft Tribal Strategy**

OSWER is seeking to develop a dynamic tribal strategy which clearly communicates intended actions by OSWER's tribal program, and lays out an effective approach for how OSWER may achieve EPA's Strategic Plan goals in Indian country. OSWER is seeking review and comment by American Indian tribes on the draft document, *Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Tribal Strategy, EPA & Tribal Partnership to Preserve and Restore Land in Indian Country* by May 16, 2008. For more information contact: Felicia Wright, 202-566-1886 or [wright.felicia@epa.gov](mailto:wright.felicia@epa.gov) or go to <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal/index.html> or <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal/strategycomments.html>



#### **Office of Grants and Debarment Draft Revised Grants Management Plan (GMP)**

The current GMP runs through FY 2008. It has served as the Agency's roadmap for addressing the long-standing grants management weakness, which was finally eliminated at the end of FY 2007. EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment is working to put a revised GMP in place, to go into effect in FY 2009 that will prevent the weakness from recurring and maintain EPA's current status as a 'best practice' agency for grants management. Similar to the process we used for the original GMP, we would like to receive Tribal input on the revised GMP. The draft revised Plan would apply to all of the Agency's grant programs (i.e., grants to Tribes, States, local governments, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions). It emphasizes, among other things, the importance of demonstrating grant environmental results, promoting grant management through a skilled workforce, and ensuring that our grant award, policymaking and IT systems are efficient and effective for both Agency personnel and EPA's partners. Tribal input is appreciated by June 13. For a copy of the latest draft of the agency's revised GMP, contact Laurice Jones, 202564-0223 or [jones.laurice@epa.gov](mailto:jones.laurice@epa.gov)

## Employment Opportunities

### **Two Senior Environmental Specialist and Two Environmental Engineer positions**

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency is aggressively seeking qualified applications for two Senior Environmental Specialist positions, and two Environmental Engineer positions. AQP is a pollution monitoring and regulatory authority with Treatment as State (TAS) status, and is the first Indian Tribe to attain delegated authority to administer the Clean Air Act (CAA), Part 71 Operating Permit Program (Title V – Permits). These positions will be opened until filled. To complete an application, go to [www.nndpm.navajo.org](http://www.nndpm.navajo.org) or mail completed application to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management, P. O. Box 7080, Window Rock, AZ 86515. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at [charlenenelson@navajo.org](mailto:charlenenelson@navajo.org).

### **Environmental Program Specialist (EPS), Yurok Tribe**

This position is entirely grant funded and grant writing is an important and necessary function. The EPS will be assigned to the following environmental areas: water quality and hydrology monitoring, assessment and reporting, environmental education, data management, and/or administration. This is a full time permanent position with the benefits: For job description and more information log onto [www.yuroktribe.org](http://www.yuroktribe.org) or call 707-482-1350 ext. 376

### **Environmental Director, Yerington Paiute Tribe**

Director will supervise the activities of the Tribal environmental program and is responsible for the planning and implementation of specific EPA programs. Conducts research, data collection, and community education in relation to specific environmental issues that effect the Reservation. Identifies work projects and develops tasks and objectives to meet Tribal environmental goals. Facilitates public meetings and reports to Tribal Council on environmental concerns of the community. For more information, contact Katie Emm at 775-463-3301 or 775-8983-3895, or e-mail [admin@ypt-nsn.gov](mailto:admin@ypt-nsn.gov).

### **Environmental Director, Campo Indian Reservation**

The Campo Indian Reservation has an opening for an environmental director. This person will direct environmental programs for the tribe, such as water issues, drinking water, non point source, emergency response, solid waste, and air. Solid waste includes the permitting and regulatory oversight of a commercial waste facility. Director will report to Campo Tribal Administrator. The Campo Indian Reservation is located in the southeast quarter of San Diego County. This position is a tribal preference/ Indian preference position under applicable Federal and Tribal laws. All qualified applicants are encouraged to apply. Position is open until filled. Please submit your resume Attention: Councilman Connolly, 36190 Church Road, Campo, CA 91906 or call Lisa Gover at 619-478-9046.

### **Air Quality Compliance Specialist, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians**

Under the general supervision of the Cabazon Environmental Department Environmental Coordinator, field monitoring, testing, investigation and survey activities as necessary for air quality regulatory compliance will be performed. This position requires a Bachelors Degree and directly relevant experience in air quality a plus. For more information contact Human Resources, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Fantasy Springs Resort, Paul Soama, 760-342-2593, ext. 85751

## **Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs**

Tribal model environmental codes developed by NIJC with a grant from EPA:

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>

<http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html>

<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>  
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>  
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>  
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>  
<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>  
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>  
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>  
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>  
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>  
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>  
<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>  
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>  
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>